



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**
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State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Name of Proposal: TIGER MUSKY INTRODUCTION INTO SILVER LAKE

Description of Proposal: The proponent proposes introducing tiger muskellunge (tiger musky) into Silver Lake. The objectives are to 1) reduce the overabundant rough fish species (e.g., tench and goldfish) by introducing a predator species, and 2) over time, develop a tiger musky population to provide recreational opportunity. Tiger musky are a sterile hybrid cross between northern pike and muskellunge.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fish Program, Region 1, 8702 North Division, Spokane, Washington 99218. Contact Person: John Whalen, Regional Fish Biologist

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Silver Lake, Approximately One Mile Southeast of Medical Lake, Washington, Spokane County; Sections 16, 17, 20, and 29, Township 24 North, Range 41 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **January 4, 2002**

Responsible Official: Peter Birch

Position/Title: Environmental Services Division Manager

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e-mail: prattcrp@dfw.wa.gov if you have questions or comments about this determination.

DATE OF ISSUE: December 21, 2001 **SIGNATURE:**  for Peter Birch